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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT

TOPIC MGB Troops in Annaberg, Bautzen, Chemnitz and Cottbus

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DATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 24 September 1951REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS

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1. No changes in the occupation of the MGB Kaserne in Annaberg-Frohnau (N 51/K 73) were observed on 3 and 4 September 1951. The usual monthly officers' conference was held in the barracks installation in Frohnau on 3 September. It was attended by about 70 officers, all of whom came from the barracks installations in Annaberg.
2. No changes in the occupation of the Wehnert Kaserne and the boys' school were noticed. About 500 troops from the two barracks installations practiced on the Pockberg (hill) on 4 September. Four radio sets and an undetermined number of dogs were observed with the troops. Vehicles

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3. Two 10-meter masts were set up on Parkstrasse in front of the Wehnert Kaserne, Annaberg, on 25 August. They were about 20 meters apart and carried a short-wave transmitting antenna.
4. The MGB office in Bautzen (O 52/A 60) was located in a section of the justice building and in the villas to the south and southwest. The MGB area was bounded by Siegfried Raedelstrasse, Pachtigstrasse, Paulstrasse and Taucherstrasse. It included the Landwirtschaftsschule which was occupied by about 150 soldiers with green service color on 24 and 28 August. The commander of the MGB office in the Haupt Villa was Major Smirnov (fnu)

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5. All vehicles observed at the Artillerie Kaserne on Leninstrasse, Chemnitz, between 28 August and 2 September were operated by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. A miner from Johanngeorgenstadt stated that the number of occupation personnel in the entire uranium mining area had been increased. (3)
6. Loaves of bread received by MGB Unit in Cottbus (N 52/A 57) in August included 1,510 loaves of 99 percent rye bread weighing 1.5 kg each; 1,120 loaves of 98.5 percent brown bread weighing 1 kg each; and 112 loaves of 82 percent white bread weighing 1 kg each. The same unit received 270, 100 and 15 loaves of bread respectively between 1 and 5 September. The bread

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was picked up by truck [redacted]. (4)

[redacted] Comments.

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- (1) [redacted] the Mehnert Kaserne quarters MGB units. 50X1-HUM
and the boys' school quarters MGB and labor units. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
The vehicles [redacted] are assigned to MGB units in Annaberg. 50X1-HUM
- (2) The information confirms the MGB office, probably an operational district or group, in the restricted MGB area in Bautzen. It points out that the MGB personnel in Bautzen still wore green epaulets in August 1951, whereas all other MGB units were issued black-bordered red epaulets in the spring of 1951. 50X1-HUM
- (3) [redacted] the Artillerie Kaserne still quartered an MGB unit with black-bordered red epaulets in mid-August 1951. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
The MGB unit may have been moved to the uranium mining area during the period intervening. 50X1-HUM
- (4) An MGB office with guard personnel of about company strength is carried in Cottbus. Vehicle [redacted] belongs to the MGB unit in the Bucher Kaserne, Dresden, which is probably the unit superior to the company in Cottbus. 50X1-HUM

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